

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the claims as follows:

1-15. (Canceled)

16. (Currently amended) A control system ~~according to claim 12,~~ for an electrosurgical instrument, comprising:

a housing selectively positionable relative to an operating theater, the housing coupled to an electrosurgical energy source;

a pair of foot-activatable pedals operatively engaged with the housing, a first of the pair of foot-activatable pedals controlling a first function of the electrosurgical instrument and a second of the pair of foot-activatable pedals controlling a second function of the electrosurgical instrument, each of the pair of foot-activatable pedals including indicia identifying corresponding first and second functions of the electrosurgical instrument, wherein each of said the pair of foot-activatable pedals includes an arm portion and wherein said the indicia is formed by a plurality of light-emitting diodes disposed atop each of said the arm portions; and

means for illuminating at least a portion of each of the pair of foot-activatable pedals.

17. (Currently amended) A control system ~~according to claim 12,~~ for an electrosurgical instrument, comprising:

a housing selectively positionable relative to an operating theater, the housing coupled to an electrosurgical energy source;

a pair of foot-activatable pedals operatively engaged with the housing, a first of the pair of foot-activatable pedals controlling a first function of the electrosurgical instrument and a second of the pair of foot-activatable pedals controlling a second function of the electrosurgical instrument, each of the pair of foot-activatable pedals including indicia identifying corresponding first and second function of the electrosurgical instrument, wherein each of said the pair of foot-activatable pedals includes a foot rest formed at one end thereof, each of said foot rests including a plurality of light-emitting diodes affixed about an outer periphery thereof; and

means for illuminating at least a portion of each of the pair of foot-activatable pedals.

18. (Original) A control system according to claim 17, wherein said control system includes:

first means for illuminating said first of said pair of foot rests; and

second means for illuminating said second of said pair of foot rests.

19. (Original) A control system according to claim 18, wherein said first illuminating means includes a first color selected from a group consisting of red, yellow, green, blue and white; and wherein said second illuminating means includes a second color, different from said first color, and selected from a group consisting of red, yellow, green, blue and white.

20. (Currently amended). A control system according to claim ~~14~~ 17, wherein said indicia is formed in an upper surface of a respective foot-activatable pedal, and wherein illuminating means disposed within each foot-activatable pedal will cause said indicia to illuminate from within each foot-activatable pedal.

21-22. (Canceled).

23. (Currently amended) A control system according to claim ~~20~~ 17, wherein each of said first and second foot-activatable pedals further comprises ~~a foot rest formed at a distal end thereof and a~~ foot pad disposed on an upper surface of said foot rest[[,]] and ~~wherein a groove surrounding said~~ foot pad is formed in said upper surface of said foot rest.

24. (Original) A control system according to claim 23, wherein said groove has one of a transparent and a translucent material disposed therewithin, wherein illuminating means disposed within each foot rest will illuminate said foot rest from within.

25. (Currently amended) A control system according to claim ~~20~~ 23 wherein said control system includes:

first means for illuminating said groove of said foot rest of said first foot-activatable pedal;
and

second means for illuminating said groove of said foot rest of said second foot-activatable pedal.

26. (Original) A control system according to claim 25, wherein each of said first and second illuminating means blinks upon an actuation of one of said first and second foot-activatable pedals.

27. (Currently amended) A control system ~~according to claim 11,~~ for an electrosurgical instrument, comprising:

a housing selectively positionable relative to an operating theater, the housing coupled to an

electrosurgical energy source;

at least one foot-activatable pedal operatively engaged with the housing, the at least one pedal including indicia identifying a function of the at least one pedal, wherein the at least one each of said foot-activatable pedal[[s]] includes a foot rest formed at one end thereof, ~~said~~ the foot rest having a foot pad disposed on an upper surface thereof, ~~said~~ the foot pad[[s]] including a plurality of light-emitting diodes affixed thereto such that each foot pad is separately illuminated; and

means for illuminating at least a portion of the at least one pedal to illuminate the indicia.

28. (Currently amended) A control system for an electrosurgical instrument, comprising:

a housing selectively positionable relative to an operating theater, said housing coupled to an electrosurgical energy source;

at least one foot-activatable pedal operatively engaged with said housing, each of said foot-activatable pedals including:

an arm portion having indicia identifying ~~the~~ a function of each of the foot-activatable pedals formed by a plurality of light emitting diodes disposed atop each of said arm portions; and

a foot rest formed at one end thereof, wherein each of said foot rests include a plurality of light-emitting diodes affixed about an outer periphery thereof; and

means for illuminating at least a portion of each of said pedals to illuminate said indicia.

29. (Canceled).